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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/742,304

**Applicant(s)**

CASPI ET AL.

**Examiner**

THJUAN K. ADDY

**Art Unit**

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 13-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 13-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB06)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed on August 17, 2009 has been entered. No claims have been amended. Claims 8-12 and 20-34 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-7 and 13-19 are still pending in this application, with claims 1 and 13 being independent.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tatchell et al. (US 5,999,611).
3. In regards to claims 1 and 13, Tatchell discloses a system and method, comprising: a first telephone (See Fig. 2b and subscriber's office location 25); a plurality of other telephones (e.g., home telephone, mobile telephone, etc., See Fig. 2b and subscriber's home telephone) associated with the first telephone, the first telephone capable of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone (See col. 3 lines 43-50 and col. 6 lines 55-65); and a computing device (See Fig. 2b and

Personal Agent Processor 27) coupled to the first telephone, the computing device to determine a telephone call received by the first telephone from a first one of the plurality of other telephones is intended for a second one of the plurality of other telephones based on user-specified rules (e.g., subscriber profile) and to selectively route telephone call signals of the telephone call received by the first telephone and intended for the second one of the plurality of other telephones to the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones based on user-specified rules (See col. 9 lines 24-66).

4. In regards to claims 2 and 14, Tatchell discloses a system and method, wherein the first telephone is to receive the telephone call, and to transmit the telephone call signals to the computing device before the computing device selectively routes the telephone call signals to the first telephone (See col. 9 lines 33-44).

5. In regards to claims 3 and 15, Tatchell discloses a system and method, wherein the computing device is to receive the telephone call signals from a computer network (See Fig. 1, Fig. 2a, and ISDN/PRI link 20) (See col. 8 lines 29-33).

6. In regards to claims 4 and 16, Tatchell discloses a system and method, the computing device to present a user interface (See Fig. 2a, Fig. 2b, and Personal Agent Subscriber Database 22) for defining the user-specified rules (See col. 9 lines 1-15).

7. In regards to claims 5 and 17, Tatchell discloses a system and method, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals to be received by the first telephone (See col. 9 lines 24-33).

8. In regards to claims 6 and 18, Tatchell discloses a system and method, the telephone call signals to be received from the plurality of telephones (See col. 3 lines 43-50 and col. 6 lines 55-65).

9. In regards to claims 7 and 19, Tatchell discloses a system and method, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals to be received by the telephone and rules associated with telephone call signals to be sent from the plurality of telephones (See col. 9 lines 24-33).

### ***Response to Arguments***

10. Applicant's arguments filed 08/17/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

11. In response to Applicants' argument that Tatchell fails to disclose the claimed aspect(s) of a first telephone and a plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone, the first telephone capable of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone, Examiner respectfully disagrees. Tatchell does disclose a first telephone (See Fig. 2b and subscriber's office location 25); a plurality of other telephones (e.g., home telephone, mobile telephone, etc., See Fig. 2b and subscriber's home telephone) associated with the first telephone, the first telephone capable of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone (See col. 3 lines 43-50 and col. 6 lines 55-65). Furthermore, claims 1 and 13 merely recite

"the first telephone **capable** of managing separate telephone calls simultaneously conducted by the first telephone and the plurality of other telephones associated with the first telephone". The claims do not clearly recite **how** the "first telephone" manages the separate telephone calls. For example, does the "first telephone" manage the calls solely on it's on, or does it require assistance/help from another equipment/module/device in order to be able to "manage" the separate telephone calls?

### ***Conclusion***

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
13. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.
14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **THJUAN K. ADDY** whose telephone number is (571)272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

15. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

16. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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